

Town of Herndon
*Enriching the Quality of Life and
 Promoting a Sense of Community*

Talk of the Town

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Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Steve DeBenedittis meets with citizens by appointment. To schedule an appointment with the Mayor, contact the Town Clerk's office at 703/435-6804.

Steve DeBenedittis Mayor

TOWN COUNCIL

Dennis D. Husch
 Connie H. Hutchinson
 David Kirby
 Harlon Reece
 William Tirrell Sr.
 Charlie Waddell

Public Hearings

Planning Commission
 Monday, July 2, 7pm

Town Council
 Tuesday, July 10, 7pm

**Architectural Review Board/
 Heritage Preservation
 Review Board**
 Monday, July 16, 7pm

Board of Zoning Appeals
 Thursday, July 26, 7:30pm

All meetings are held in the Herndon Council Chambers located at 765 Lynn Street. The Town of Herndon does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its programs or activities. The Herndon Council Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Translation services or assistance to persons with disabilities may be requested with at least ten days notice.

STREETSCAPE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN HERNDON'S DOWNTOWN

Traffic to be Impacted During Daytime Hours

The Department of Public Works has commenced construction on phase 1 of downtown streetscape and pedestrian improvements, a project that, when completed, will improve the safety and appearance of streets and sidewalks in Herndon's downtown area. During this initial phase, sidewalks, streetlights and landscaping will be replaced around the Town Hall and on Lynn Street and a traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Lynn and Elden Streets at the W&OD trail crossing. Phase 1 of the project is slated for completion in September 2007, with the traffic signal expected to be operational by December 2007.

Traffic within the Lynn Street/Elden Street/Station Street triangle will be impacted during the hours of 7am and 5pm. All traffic controls and detours will be clearly marked. Parking on Lynn Street will also be affected, and alternate access to the front doors of businesses located on Lynn Street will be designated and posted.

For more information on the Town of Herndon's downtown streetscape project, contact Elspeth Johnson or Zoran Dragacevac in the Department of Public Works at 703/435-6856.

TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

Next Public Meeting Scheduled for July 17

Herndon, VA (June 28, 2007) -- The Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon is well into the process of creating a new Comprehensive Plan that will significantly impact land use, housing, transportation and the environment for the Town over the next quarter century, and citizen input is vital to the planning process, according to commissioners.

Issues to be discussed at the next public meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday, July 17, at 7pm in the Council Chambers at 765 Lynn Street**, include goals and objectives for parks and recreation, public facilities and Dulles Rail Station areas. The July meeting is the final in a series of public meetings held throughout the spring and summer; following these meetings, a draft plan will be produced by September 2007 for Planning Commission consideration. A final draft plan for presentation at public hearings is slated for completion by December 2007.

Information on the Comprehensive Plan process is available on the Town's website, www.herndon-va.gov, on the "What's New" page. The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and a Background Report for the 2030 Comprehensive Plan are posted in "Town Services" – click on the Community Development page and scroll to Comprehensive Planning Related Links.

To provide comments or for more information, contact Dana Heiberg or Michelle O'Hare at 703/787-7380 or via email at CompPlan@herndon-va.gov.

COURSES AVAILABLE AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER

A cooperative project of the Town of Herndon and Fairfax County, the Neighborhood Resource Center is located at 1086 Elden Street in the Dulles Park Shopping Center. The center provides easy access to health, human and educational services to area residents. Services available at the center include ESL classes, student registration, adult outreach learning center, Girl Power program, Guitars not Guns, Head Start, mental health counseling, tutoring and American Red Cross programs. The center also offers a computer learning center, neighborhood college, housing counseling, pro bono legal services, parenting programs and more. Meeting space is available at the center for community organizations and groups.

New programs in July include a teen center, with activities for teens ages 13 through 18, Mondays through Fridays, 11am – 6pm through August 10; and Vecinos Unidos free summer program for rising 1st through 8th grade children, held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4pm – 6pm, through August 23. The program includes games, arts and crafts, field trips and more.

The Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center is open from 8am to 9pm, Monday through Friday, and 9am to 2 pm on Saturdays. For more information on services, programs, meeting space and volunteer opportunities, call 703-435-6830.

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Herndon Police Department Offers Citizen Police Academy

The thirteenth session of the Citizen Police Academy will be held on August 22 through November 14, 2007. The classes will be held Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Herndon Police Station, 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, Virginia. Participants will be exposed to all facets of the Herndon Police Department to include: Community Policing, Investigations, Traffic Enforcement, Police K-9, Forensics and Evidence Collection, Gang Activity and more. The class is limited to the first 20 students and participants must be 18 years of age or older. For more information, please contact Senior Police Officer Dexter Morgan at 703.435.6881 ext. 2394, or at dexter.morgan@herndon-va.gov.

HERNDON RECEIVES CERTIFICATE FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Award Presented to Town for 32nd Consecutive Year

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Town of Herndon its Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Town's FY 2006 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). Attainment of the certificate, which stands as the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, "represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management," according to Stephen J. Gauthier, director, GFOA.

An impartial panel of financial professionals judges the CAFR to see that the high standards of the program are met, which include communicating the Town's financial story and motivating potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. Herndon has received the certificate the last 32 consecutive fiscal years, dating back to 1975 when the first report was submitted.

"For the 32nd time, the Town of Herndon is a proud recipient of this acknowledgment," said Mayor Steve DeBenedittis. "Congratulations to Director of Finance Mary Tuohy and her staff for a job well done."

REAL ESTATE PAYMENTS DUE

Town real estate tax payments are due July 28. If bills are not received by July 10, call the Town's revenue department at 703/435-6813.

Farmer's Market Fun Days Farmer's Market Children's Series

Performances 10:30-11:15am on Thursdays in front of the Herndon Depot & adjacent to Town Hall

July 12 - Rocknoceros: Whammy Award winning cool kid rock

July 19 - The Battersby Duo: Great songs, great performers

July 26 - Michael Shwedick, Reptile World, Inc: Alligators, lizards, crocodiles, snakes & Banana Boy's Brother

July 26 - Mr. Brian and the Boppets: A Rock N' Roll Puppet Show

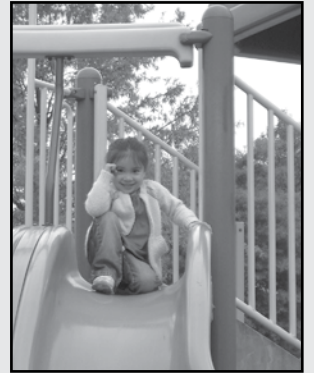


WHAT'S HAPPENING

Visit www.herndon-va.gov for information on all events.

Youth Nights - Ages 10-15 Tuesdays through August 14, 8-10pm Herndon Community Center

Youth nights are back at the Herndon Community Center. Activities include open gym (basketball, volleyball and more), wallyball, movies, Xbox, open swim time and snacks. Teens are encouraged to hang with their friends and enjoy exclusive use of the Teen Center. Drop-in Fee \$4 or buy a Youth Night Pass for \$30. Call 703/787-7300.



Parent-Child Golf Tournament Saturday, July 28 Herndon Centennial Golf Course

Entry Deadline: July 20

Format: 2-Person Scramble. 18 Hole Division \$90 per team, 2:00 tee times. 9 Hole Division \$56 per team, 4:00 tee times. Entry fee includes green fees, cart, food and prizes. Parents are welcome to play with more than one child (check with the golf course for pricing). Call 703-471-5769.



Free Home Ownership Seminar Thursday, July 12, 6:30-8:30pm Neighborhood Resource Center

The Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center and National Realty are hosting this free seminar, with topics ranging from the advantages of a buyer's market to foreclosure prevention and short sales. Call 703/435-6830.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Thursdays, 7:30-9pm. Herndon Town Green. Free.

July 5 - Billy Coulter Band: Alternative Country/Rock

July 12 - Lucky Day: Ear pleasing Brit-Pop sound

July 19 - Caribbean Art Jazz Ensemble: Caribbean Jazz

July 26 - don't panic: US meets Red Hot Chili Peppers

August 2 - Natty Beaux: Jump Blues/Swing